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Expressing the sense of the Congress that Federal retirement cost-of-living adjustments should not be delayed, and that retirement contributions on the part of Federal agencies and Federal and postal employees should not be increased.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 1, 1997

Mr. CUMMINGS (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mrs. MORELLA, Mr. WYNN, Mr. FILNER, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. FAZIO of California, and Mr. DEFAZIO) submitted the following concurrent resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

Expressing the sense of the Congress that Federal retirement cost-of-living adjustments should not be delayed, and that retirement contributions on the part of Federal agencies and Federal and postal employees should not be increased.

Whereas, over the years, Federal employees and retirees have regularly been forced to bear a disproportionate share in connection with deficit reduction;

Whereas it would be inequitable to delay cost-of-living adjustments for Federal retirees when like delays for similarly situated retirees under other systems are clearly inappropriate; and

Whereas it would be unfair to require greater retirement con-
tributions on the part of Federal agencies and Federal
and postal employees when the Congressional Budget Of-
fice testified before Congress, on June 28, 1995 (and re-
affirmed on April 29, 1997), that "the retirement fund
does not face a financial crisis", and that the fund's
"projected cash flow deficits appear to be manageable
under the current pay-as-you-go policy": Now, therefore,
be it

1   *Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate*
2 *concurring)*, That it is the sense of the Congress that—
3   (1) cost-of-living adjustments for Federal retir-
4   ees should be paid in January of each year, as cur-
5   rent law prescribes, and should not be delayed, and
6   (2) retirement contributions on the part of Fed-
7   eral agencies and Federal and postal employees
8   should not be increased,
9 whether as part of a budget agreement or otherwise.

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